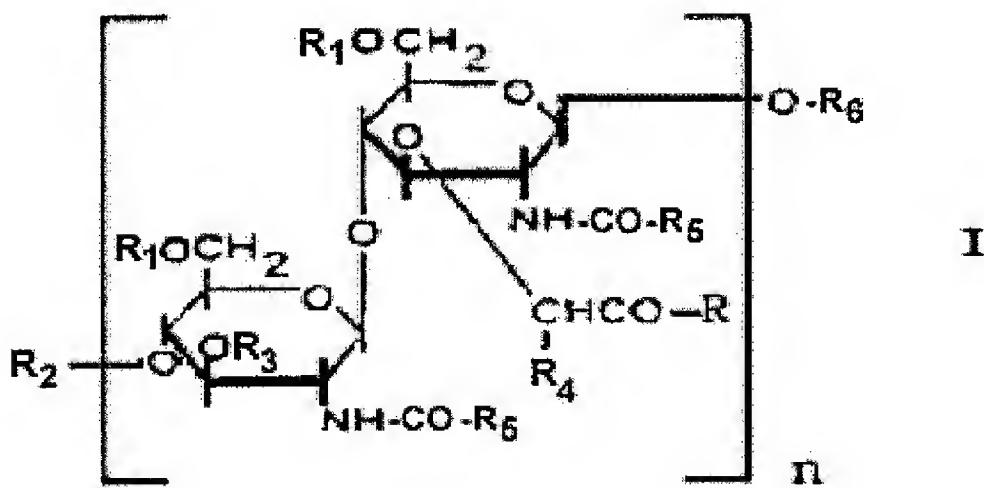


Listing of Claims:

The following is a listing of claims as currently pending. No amendments have been made to existing claims. New claims 16 and 17 have been added.

1. (Previously Presented) A method for treating a metabolic or autoimmune disorder in a human or veterinary patient, said method comprising the steps of

(A) administering to the patient a therapeutically effective amount of a compound having the formula:



wherein:

R₁, R₂ and R₃ each represents a hydrogen atom or a C₁-C₂₂ acyl group;

R₄ represents a hydrogen atom or a C₁-C₆ alkyl group;

R_5 represents a C_1 - C_{21} alkyl group or a C_6 or C_{10} aryl group;

R_6 represents a hydrogen atom; and

R represents the residue of an amino acid or a linear peptide of up to from 2 to 6 amino acid residues. Furthermore, at least one of the residues may be optionally substituted with a lipophilic group through an ester or amide bond; and n is 1 and 2; and

(B) administering to the patient a natural or synthetic compound that comprises a flavone, flavonoid, isoflavone or a derivative, prodrug or congener thereof.

2. (Original) A method according to Claim 1 wherein Step A comprises administering GMDP.

3. (Original) A method according to Claim 1 wherein Step A comprises administering GMDP-A.

4. (Original) A method according to Claim 1 wherein Step A comprises administering GMDP and GMDP-A.

5. (Original) A method according to Claim 4 wherein Step A comprises administering GMDP and GMDP-A in separate doses at separate times.

6. (Original) A method according to any of Claims 1-5 wherein the compound is administered enterally.

7. (Original) A method according to any of Claims 1-5 wherein the compound is administered parenterally.

8. (Original) A method according to Claim 7 wherein the compound is administered intranasally.

9. (Original) A method according to Claim 7 wherein the compound is administered sublingually.

10. (Orginal) A method according to Claim 7 wherein the compound is administered by buccal administration.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1 wherein Step A and Step B are carried out substantially simultaneously.
13. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1 wherein Step A and Step B are carried out at different times.
14. (Original) A method according to Claim 12 wherein the compound of Step A and the compound of Step B are administered in a fixed dosage combination pharmaceutical preparation.
15. (Cancelled)
16. (New) A method according to claim 1 wherein Step B comprises administering a flavone derivative.
17. (New) A method according to claim 16 wherein the flavone derivative comprises Rutin.